Mr. Joseph H. Willits
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Dear Joe:

I am pleased to give you a report on our judgment concerning the value of The Current Digest of the Soviet Press, as requested in your letter of April 2.

Our people find the <u>Digest</u> most helpful. It complements other available Soviet news sources very well. The coverage of magazines and rural newspapers is especially useful, and the indexing of all sources is one of the most valuable features. Although some of our staff who are especially interested in scientific matters feel the addition of a scientist to the <u>Digest's staff</u> might improve coverage in their field, on the whole we are well satisfied with the selection of articles and the accuracy of the translation.

Discontinuance of the <u>Digest</u> would be a real loss to us. We hope the Rockefeller Foundation will find it possible to renew its support.

Sincerely yours,

ALLEN W. DULLES
Director

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